

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A polyacetal resin composition comprising a mixture or blend of a polyacetal resin, [[and]] a carboxylic acid hydrazide, an antioxidant, a heat stabilizer and a processing stabilizer, wherein the carboxylic acid hydrazide comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic C₁₆-₄₀ monocarboxylic acid monohydrazide, a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic C₁₆₋₄₀ dicarboxylic acid mono- or dihydrazide, a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic oxy-C₁₆₋₄₀ monocarboxylic acid monohydrazide, a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic oxy-C₁₆₋₄₀ dicarboxylic acid mono- or dihydrazide, a saturated or unsaturated alicyclic C₆₋₂₀ monocarboxylic acid monohydrazide, a saturated or unsaturated alicyclic C₆₋₂₀ dicarboxylic acid mono- or dihydrazide, a saturated or unsaturated linear C₂₀₋₄₀ dimer acid mono- or dihydrazide, a saturated or unsaturated cyclic C₂₀₋₄₀ dimer acid mono- or dihydrazide, a saturated or unsaturated linear C₃₀₋₆₀ trimer acid mono- [[or]] to trihydrazide, and a saturated or unsaturated cyclic C₃₀₋₆₀ trimer acid mono- to trihydrazide, wherein the antioxidant comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a hindered phenol-series compound and a hindered amine-series compound, and wherein the heat stabilizer comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a basic nitrogen-containing compound, a phosphine-series compound, a metal salt of an organic carboxylic acid, an alkali or alkaline earth metal compound, a hydrotalcite, and a zeolite, and wherein

the processing stabilizer comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a long-chain fatty acid ester, a long-chain fatty acid amide and a polyoxyalkylene glycol.

2. (canceled)
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4. (original) A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the carboxylic acid hydrazide comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of montanic acid hydrazide, eicosanedioic acid dihydrazide, 8,12-eicosadienedioic acid dihydrazide, 12-hydroxystearic acid hydrazide, 1,4-cyclohexanedicarboxylic acid dihydrazide, and linoleic dimer acid dihydrazide.
5. (original) A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the proportion of the carboxylic acid hydrazide is 0.001 to 20 parts by weight relative to 100 parts by weight of the polyacetal resin.
6. (currently amended) A resin composition according to claim 1, which further comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of ~~a processing stabilizer~~, a weather (light)-resistant stabilizer, an impact resistance improver, a slip-improving agent, a coloring agent, and a filler.
7. (original) A resin composition according to claim 6, wherein the antioxidant, the processing stabilizer, the heat stabilizer, and the weather (light)-resistant stabilizer are substantially free from an intramolecular ester bond.
8. (canceled)
9. (canceled)
10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the heat stabilizer comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of an alkaline earth metal salt of an organic carboxylic acid, and an alkaline earth metal oxide.
12. (previously presented) A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the heat stabilizer comprises an alkaline earth metal salt of an oxy-acid.
13. (original) A resin composition according to claim 6, wherein the weather (light)-resistant stabilizer comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a benzotriazole-series compound, a benzophenone-series compound, an aromatic benzoate-series compound, a cyanoacrylate-series compound, an oxalic anilide-series compound, and a hydroxyaryl-1,3,5-triazine-series compound.
14. (original) A resin composition according to claim 6, wherein the impact resistance improver comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a thermoplastic polyurethane and an acrylic core-shell polymer.
15. (original) A resin composition according to claim 6, wherein the slip-improving agent comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of an olefinic polymer, a silicone-series resin, and a fluorine-containing resin.
16. (currently amended) A process for producing a polyacetal resin composition, which comprises mixing or blending a polyacetal resin, a carboxylic acid hydrazide, an antioxidant, a heat stabilizer and a processing stabilizer using an extruder, the process including feeding at least said carboxylic acid hydrazide through a side feed port of the extruder, wherein the carboxylic acid hydrazide comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic C₁₆₋₄₀

monocarboxylic acid monohydrazide, a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic C₁₆₋₄₀dicarboxylic acid mono- or dihydrazide, a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic oxy-C₁₆₋₄₀ monocarboxylic acid monohydrazide, a saturated or unsaturated aliphatic oxy-C₁₆₋₄₀ dicarboxylic acid mono- or dihydrazide, a saturated or unsaturated alicyclic C₆₋₂₀ monocarboxylic acid monohydrazide, a saturated or unsaturated alicyclic C₆₋₂₀ dicarboxylic acid mono- or dihydrazide, a saturated or unsaturated linear C₂₀₋₄₀ dimer acid mono- or dihydrazide, a saturated or unsaturated cyclic C₂₀₋₄₀ dimer mono- or dihydrazide, a saturated or unsaturated linear C₃₀₋₆₀ trimer acid mono-
[[or]] to trihydrazide, and a saturated or unsaturated cyclic C₃₀₋₆₀ trimer acid mono-to trihydrazide, wherein

the antioxidant comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a hindered phenol-series compound and a hindered amine-series compound, and wherein

the heat stabilizer comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a basic nitrogen-containing compound, a phosphine-series compound, a metal salt of an organic carboxylic acid, an alkali or alkaline earth metal compound, a hydrotalcite, and a zeolite, and wherein

the processing stabilizer comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a long-chain fatty acid ester, a long-chain fatty acid amide and a polyoxyalkylene glycol.

17. (original) A shaped article formed from a polyacetal resin composition recited in claim 1.
18. (original) A shaped article according to claim 17, wherein (1) the emission of formaldehyde from the shaped article which is maintained in a closed space for 24 hours at a temperature of 80°C is not more than 1.0 µg per one cm² of the surface area of the article, and/or (2) the emission of formaldehyde from the

shaped article which is maintained in a closed space for 3 hours at a temperature of 60°C under saturated humidity is not more than 2 μg per one cm^2 of the surface area of the article.

19. (original) A shaped article according to claim 17, which is an automotive part, an electric or electronic device part, an architectural or pipeline part, a household utensil or cosmetic article part, or a medical device part.